

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:657
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2002
LINKING OF STEEL PLANTS WITH RAILS
VIRENDRA KUMAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to connect steel plants by rail from the feeder mines areas;
- (b) if so, whether any specific requests received by his Ministry from SAIL, Department of Mines and also from the States where the steel plants are located; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.657 BY SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2002 REGARDING LINKING OF STEEL PLANTS WITH RAILS

(a): The major Integrated Steel Plants in the country are already well connected by the railway network to the feeder mines. In addition, there is also a proposal to connect Bhilai Plant with Iron ore Mines at Bailadila/Kirandul via Rowghat.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Dallirajahara-Rowghat-Jagdalpur new line is to be constructed on cost-sharing basis among the Ministry of Railways, the State Government of Chhattisgarh, M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), and M/s National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC). As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the first phase of this Railway line, viz., from Dallirajahara to Rowghat, is to be constructed entirely at the cost of M/s SAIL, as the line is primarily meant for transportation of iron ore to the steel plant at Bhilai. However, M/s SAIL have not yet deposited the cost of the part-project with the Railways. The work will be taken up as soon as M/s SAIL deposit the cost with the Railways, once they receive the requisite environmental clearance.